We then come to the question of a permanent building for the local dispensary. You seem to think that a dispensary is exactly like a hospital fitted with wards for in-patients, operation theatres and so on. The P. W. D. made the same mistake. When they were asked for an estimate for a new dispensary building they sent up one for Rs. 40,000 which is far too extravagant for a place like Haripad. They have been asked to forward a modest estimate. When that estimate is received it will be duly examined and considered. We may even have to call upon the people of Haripad to contribute towards the cost and I shall consider that later on.

In regard to the two subjects which you mentioned, namely the manure depot and seed bulls, the Director of Agriculture will, I have no doubt, take up for consideration the matters referred to by you.

The Director of Public Instruction is in complete agreement with you as to the provision of urinals in the school you mention and he will submit proposals accordingly.

As regards conveniences for the general public in public places, it is the duty of the Municipality to provide urinals.

Then you want a loan to the Municipality and then you say you will be satisfied with Rs. 500, if the Government is not prepared to give Rs. 1,000. Unfortunately the Assemby is not the place for the Municipal Council to come and seek loans at the hands of Government and I do not recognise that individual members have a right to commit the Municipality to any definite contract for a loan or otherwise.

You refer to the cocoanut palm disease but you do not say what particular form of disease is prevalent there. You say the disease now found is not the same as the original disease and that there are several kinds of them. Nephantis Seunopa has been brought under control. For the leaf rolling disease all that is necessary is to destroy the infected leaf and to spray the healthy leaves. As regards the stem bleeding disease, all that has to be done is to scoop out the infected material from the stem, burn it away and apply hot tar. Special efforts are being made to discover methods for curing the root disease and we are proposing to send the Mycologist to Ceylon to find out what they are doing there in the matter. But there is no good in the Director of Agriculture, at every visit the officer makes to the spot, pointing out how these are to be remedied. The people do not do what is necessary. What happens is a demonstration is made. The people come, look on and say " Oh, it is wonderful." The Director goes away and they go away and everything is left as it was. As long as this state of things continues the land holders cannot expect their crops to escape from these diseases.

123. Needs of Mavelikara.

MR. C. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Member, Municipal Council, Mavelikara*) said that the public offices at Mavelikara were all located in rented buildings. The annual expenditure on account of rent for these buildings amounted to no less than Rs. 800, of which Rs. 540

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was for the Munsiff's court building alone. The condition of this building was very poor. There was no accommodation for vakils or clients. Government had already purchased a site for putting up a building for the various public offices at Mavelikara. If it was thought too expensive to put up buildings for the various offices on this site all at once, the Munsiff's Court at least should be transferred to a new building which might be put up on the site acquired for the proposed girls' school at Puthiakavu. The girls' school did not require a very big building.

The Kochikal-Panachamudu road should be metalled.

A bridge should be put up at the Prayikara *kadavu* on the Mavelikara-Mannar road.

A new groyne in addition to the three groynes already existing should be put up in the Prayikara river. This was absolutely necessary to prevent the river flooding and causing damages to the lands and houses on the river-banks.

A road should be opened from the Tharayimukku depot to the Mavelikara town.

A Magistrate's court should be established at Mavelikara. Mavelikara was now in the jurisdiction of the First Class Magistrate, Alleppey, and Alleppey was 40 miles away from Mavelikara. If it was not possible to establish a new court at the place, the Tahsildar, Mavelikara, might be invested with magisterial powers.

A new building should be provided for the English High School for boys, Mavelikara. The present building was in a thoroughly dilapidated condition. The premises of the school should also be extended. It was understood that there was a proposal to shift the school from its present site. But this was not immediately necessary. What was urgently wanted was to put up a proper building for the school, in keeping with its position as the third biggest High School in the State.

The following improvements should be done in the District Hospital, Mavelikara :—

(*a*) opening of pay-wards ;
(*b*) provision of kitchens ;
(*c*) opening of maternity-wards ;
(*d*) appointment of a lady doctor and two European nursing sisters ;
(*e*) enhancement of the diet allowance ;
(*f*) putting up of a wall to separate the in-patient ward and the out-patient ward ;
(*g*) removal of the epidemic diseases wards to the site acquired by Government to the north of the hospital building ; and
(*h*) sinking of a new well each for the out-patient ward and the in-patient ward.

A Vishavaidyasala should be established in the Mavelikara town.

The toddy shops and arrack shops in the town, particularly the arrack shop at Puthiakavu situated near the Puthiakavu temple, church, schools etc., should be removed to some place outside the town limits.

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The grant formerly awarded by Government to the municipality should be restored.

Persons residing in municipal limits should alone be nominated as members of the Municipal Council.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Krishna Pillai, the building of Public Offices on an extensive scale is not a very urgent matter and it can wait till more urgent works that have been undertaken are finished.

Those items of your representation, which deal with roads and bridges may go up before the Road Board to be newly constituted.

Government share the opinion of the District Magistrate that a Magistrate's Court is not necessary at Mavelikara especially because there is a Bench Magistrate's Court there.

I do not at all agree with you that a big building is not necessary for the Girls' High School. I am glad to see that the Girls' High School there has a good building now. You want a good building for the Boys' High School also. That question will be taken up and considered.

You then referred to the District Hospital. As I observed once before, there are no different grades of hospitals as I, II or III grade hospitals. All hospitals are hospitals. The hospital there is well-equipped and already an estimate is under consideration for a variety of improvements to it. The Administrative Board has already taken up much more in the way of improvements than you are asking for. The question of opening a pay-ward will be considered. The question of appointing a lady doctor and two European nursing sisters will also be considered.

The question of opening a Vaidyasala there is a matter which the Municipality can very well take up.

The question of removing all liquor shops in the town must stand over till the experiment of local option at Changanachery is carried out.

The reason why the annual grant of Rs. 500 to the Municipality was stopped is this. We discovered that the Municipality has been hoarding money. A municipality that has a large cash balance has no need of any contributions or grants.

I have nothing more to say in regard to the subject of nominations to the Municipality besides what I said at the last session of the Assembly; and that will remain as the policy of Government.

124. Needs of the Kottayam municipality.

MR. T. C. CHACKO (*Member, Municipal Council, Kottayam*) spoke on the following needs of the Kottayam municipality:—

A resident medical officer should be appointed in the Kottayam hospital. A representation was made on the same subject at the last session of the Assembly, and it was stated in reply that the proposals of the Medical Board were under examination, but no orders were yet issued in the matter. The appointment of a resident medical officer

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